

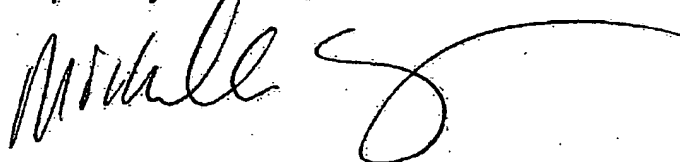
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It is noted that in the present Preliminary Amendment, claims 24-46 have been added. Support for the new claims is present throughout the specification, for instance; support for claim 24 can be found at least at page 20, lines 13-15 and support for claim 45 can be found at least at page 20, lines 20-25. Also, no new matter has been added. The assignee respectfully submits that claims 24-46 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Assignee further asserts that all of the required claims pending in this patent application, as amended, are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned at (503) 439-6500. Consideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

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